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SUBJECT: ANTI-U.S. POSTERS

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- 1. DURING MY TALK WITH FONMIN CHATCHAI YESTERDAY, I MENTIONED THE POSTERS WHICH HAVE BEEN PUT UP IN SEVERAL PLACES IN BANGKOK IN CONNECTION WITH THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE STUDENT REVOLUTION. THESE POSTERS SHOW THAI SOLDIERS IN FRONT OF AN AMERICAN FLAG SHOOTING HEROIC STUDENTS. I TOLD CHATCHAI THAT I FOUND THESE POSTERS HARD TO TAKE. THE U.S. HAD HAD ABSOLUTELY NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS EPISODE IN THAI HISTORY AND TO PORTRAY AMERICA AS SIDING WITH THE SOLDIERS AGAINST THE STUDENTS WAS OUTRAGEOUS.
- 2. CHATCHAI THANKED ME FOR MENTIONING IT AND MADE A SOLEMN APOLOGY. HE SAID HE WOULD DISCUSS THIS WITH THE PRIME MINISTER AND ASKED IF I WOULD MIND HIS TELLING THE PRESS I HAD MADE A PROTEST. I SAID THIS WOULD BE FINE. (CHATCHAI DID NOT ALLUDE TO THIS MATTER WHEN HE LATER GAVE A PRESS CONFERENCE.) WHITEHOUSE

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